SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Preliminary Amendment dated February 6, 2002 was filed *inter alia* to delete reference to Figure 4D and to add a reference to Figure 6E. Since filing of the Amendment, it has become apparent that page 40 includes an improper reference to "Figures 15 to 21", where no such figures exist. Accordingly, the paragraph bridging pages 39 and 40 has been amended as indicated below. A marked-up copy, showing the changes made to this paragraph, is attached.

The present invention also includes a configuration in which a computer in an apparatus or system, which is connected with a variety of devices so as to realize functions of the foregoing examples shown in Figs. 1A-1D, Figs. 5A-5D, Figs. 6A-6E, Figs. 7A-7F, Figs. 8A-8F, Figs. 9A-9C, Figs. 10A-10F, Figs. 11a-11F, and Figs. 12A-12F, is loaded with a program code of software and in which these devices are operated according to the program stored in the computer (CPU or MPU).